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Whitman et al.

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Examiner: T. Pham

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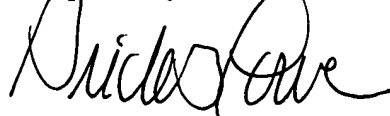
Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (15 pages), plus attached Replacement Sheet of Drawings (1 sheet) and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes Made

(1 sheet); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Examiner indicates:

The cited prior art, individually or in combination, does not disclose or suggest all of the claimed elements in the present application wherein at least three consecutively different speeds are performed with second speed slower than first speed and third speed greater than first speed in the context of claims 1, 17 and 14.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brick G. Power", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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